

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application relates to commonly assigned copending application Serial No. 10/625,424 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ (DN85504), entitled COLORABLE MICROSPHERES FOR DNA AND PROTEIN MICROARRAY, application Serial No. 10/625,375 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ (85507), entitled PHOTOCHROMIC DYES FOR MICROSPHERE BASED SENSOR, and application Serial No. 10/625,637 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ (85677), entitled COLORABLE POLYMERIC PARTICLES WITH BIOLOGICAL PROBES, filed simultaneously herewith. The copending applications are incorporated by reference herein for all that they contain.--